MONTEREY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1990

TOWN NEWS

Selectmen's Meetings

The earth barrier erected on Route 23 on the Winfield Ogden property continues to concern the Board of Selectmen. The Board has obtained a signed survey which shows the earth barrier to be in the Town right-of-way as much as twenty feet. The Highway Department has placed stakes on the line where the barrier infringes on Town property.

Police Chief Doug Lyman recalled when he and the local Boy Scout troop planted the maple trees that formerly lined that section of Route 23 and expressed dismay about what he referred to as "the Berlin Wall." Chief Lyman said that there have never been any fatalities in that section of Route 23. He recalled an auto accident a few years ago that resulted in some injuries, but there were no deaths.

The Selectmen have been receiving a steady stream of complaints about the earth barrier and are taking signatures of all concerned citizens. Selectman Georgiana O'Connell stated that the Board is "exploring a number of options" and is working on a resolution to the problem.

On July 30, there was a public hearing on a joint telephone and utility pole application for Mr. James Laffey and Mr. Ken Freeberg. The pole will be located on Swann Road 3,134 feet up from Route 23 and was petitioned by New England Telephone and Massachusetts Electric. As no petitioners were present to object to the pole, the petition was granted by the Selectmen.

The Selectmen received a complaint concerning Camp Deerwood advertising dancing on Saturday nights at 10:30. In following up on the complaint, the Board heard from Mr. Zantay, owner of the property, that he had dropped the plan due to lack of interested dancers. In a related matter, Camp Deerwood is also offering riding instruction and the Building Inspector, Carleton Anderson, is investigating to determine if this is a violation of the zoning bylaw.

SUSAN McALLESTER

The Parks Commission reported to the Selectmen that two large trees are down in Bidwell Park. The Board met with Tree Warden Roger Tryon and asked that he oversee removal of the fallen trees. Mr. Tryon suggested that the wood from the trees be donated to senior citizens for heating purposes.

It was unanimously voted that the Selectmen and Board of Health permit and license fee schedules be revised as follows:

BOARD of SELECTMEN FEES

$250	Alcoholic Beverages
15	Building Permit Application
15	Business
10	Driveway
5	Earth Removal
2	General (tag sales, etc.)

BOARD of HEALTH FEES

20	Adult Camps, Cabins (Recreational)
50	Children's Camp
25	Disposal Works Construction Permit
25	Disposal Works Installer's Permit
10	Food Service Establishment
10	Milk Dealer
10	Milk Pasteurization
100	Percolation Test Witness Fee
25	Well Drilling

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AREA STICKERS

40	Single Family Residence
10	Temporary Sticker (two weeks maximum duration)
10	Additional Sticker or Sticker Reissue Fee
40	Multi-Unit Residence, per unit
10 (5)*	Camp, Institution, School, Bed & Breakfast, Motel or other accommodation, per place
300	Retail Store/Restaurant (or other larger business)
10	Commercial Hauler, registration
10	Partial Year Sticker (new owner, April 1-June 30)

*see instructions

The following building permit applications were approved: John Piretti for the Yearwood residence on Mt. Hunger Road; Allan Dean of Hupi Road for the construction of a studio addition; Elinor and Aaron Leavitt for their house on Worth Lane, Lake Garfield.

— Maggie Leonard

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting on August 8, with Chairman Joe Baker, Wayne Burkhardt and Elk Dempsey present. Sarah Stiner from Kelly, Granger and Parsons surveyors presented a Form A land division on behalf of Linda G. Marsh and Sally L. Marsh. Due to a two-foot shortfall on the setback requirement, they are having .009 acres conveyed to them from the abutting property belonging to the Mielkes.

Wayne Burkhardt, who is also a member of the Solid Waste Committee, questioned the other Board members about the viability of siting a co-composting facility in Monterey. He briefly described the project as an indoor facility needing from 10 to 15 acres of land. The Board discussed questions of traffic and sorting the material, and consulted the bylaw for further information.

Approval from the Attorney General for the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw is pending. Chairman Joe Baker reported to the Board that the Town Clerk, Barbara Swann, has sent additional information on the bylaw requested by the Attorney General in Boston.

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CHURCH NEWS

Do you ever have those periods in life when everything is going a mile a minute, when your schedule has gotten completely out of hand, when the family is going in different directions and you seem to be like ships passing in the night? It's easy to get caught up in all the "seriousness" of life and forget the "lighter" moments are just as important. I ran across the following reflection by Tamra Vines and pass it along as a case in point.

Mom's Bacon and Egg Blessing

It was a Tuesday morning, but not just any Tuesday morning. Mom was making our family get up extra early in order to have breakfast together. If it weren't for the fact that I had a crush on a guy in my first-period class, I would have gone to school looking like the Bride of Frankenstein.

I forced myself out of bed and into the shower. When I got out, Mom was still trying to get my brother Rod out of bed. He kept saying, "Come on, Mom. Just ten more minutes, please?" He sounded so pathetic. I actually felt sorry for the kid.

Now Mom's the type of person who seems to always have a new mission in life. This particular week she was trying to be the godly woman described in Proverbs, chapter 31. I wasn't too concerned until I heard her quote the verse, "She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household." The *before dawn* part had me a little worried. Mom isn't exactly Betty Crocker II, so I hoped that this would be a good memory verse and nothing more.

Well, here it was *before dawn*; and before me was the biggest breakfast ever cooked in our house: bacon, sausage, toast, milk, juice, and even eggs. (Mom hates eggs!) As a child raised on corn flakes, I had to pinch myself to see if I were dreaming.

Before we could begin eating, Mom had to give a mini-sermon on how this was her special way of bringing our family closer together, as well as making sure her family had a nutritional day's start. As Dad blessed the food I thought, "Some blessing!"

Near the end of the meal Dad glanced at his watch.

Grinning, he said, "Hmmm. My watch must have stopped. I have three o'clock."

"That's what it feels like," moaned Rod.

The next few seconds were spent staring at one another as if to say, "Could it be? Is it possible?"

Mom jumped up and ran to her bedroom and then to my room to compare clocks. We heard her shriek as if she had been bitten by a wild animal.

When she returned to the kitchen the horrified expression on her face confirmed our suspicions. Dad's watch was correct. Mom's alarm clock had been set wrong!

After a moment of silence we burst out laughing. Imagine eating breakfast at three o'clock in the morning!

That is one of my best family memories. And whenever our family begins talking about special times, Mom's bacon and egg breakfast always comes up. We laugh and feel a warm closeness that only we can feel. Now that I think about it, maybe Mom's breakfast was a blessing after all.

Perhaps one of God's greatest blessings is the gift of humor—the ability to laugh and make light of what we perceive to be the "difficult" moments in our lives. What a blessing it is to be able to look back and remember that even in our busiest schedules, our serious preoccupations, our weighty ultimate concerns, the human spirit is uplifted when a smile crosses our lips. Life's little surprises carry a deeper affirmation—that God created us with a full range of human emotions. A friend of mine once said, "Of course I feel close to God when I pray, but it's when I laugh, when a holy giggle starts deep within my funny bone, and I begin to lose control of my serious self and know that in the next moment my sides will split with a wonderful belly laugh, that's when I feel closest to God." To that I say AMEN.

— Cliff Aerie

There is no human being
Who does not carry a treasure
In their soul:
A moment of insight,
A memory of love,
A dream of excellence,
A call to worship. —Abraham Heschel

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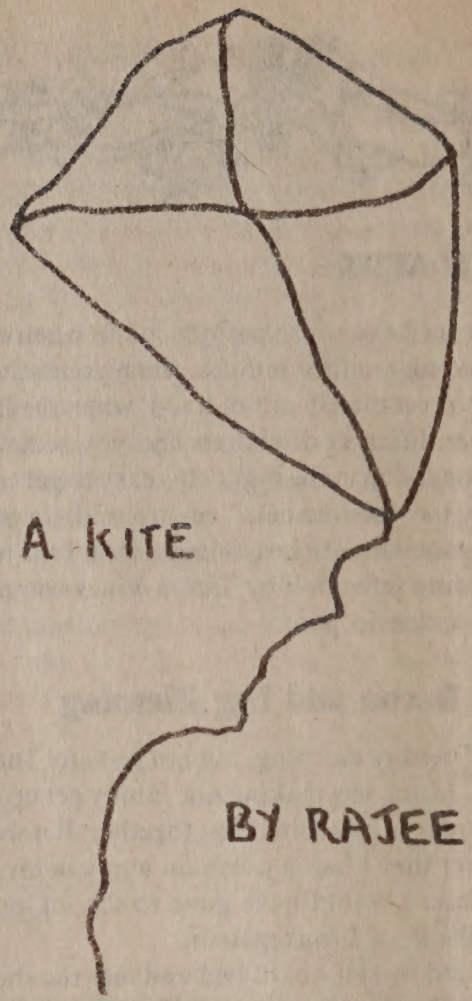
The Monterey United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship Celebration 10:00 A.M.

BRINGING RAJEE HOME — FURTHER UPDATE

Time has passed quickly, and it is now mid-August. Rajee is a patient at the Shriner's Hospital and maintains a remarkably cheerful attitude despite the pain of being in traction twenty-four hours a day. The doctors hope that by stretching her tendons, ligaments and muscles, they can ease up the constriction in her knees and thereby minimize the amount of surgery needed. Her left leg will need the greatest amount of surgical care even though her movement is much better in that leg. Her right knee is more mobile because she has lost total control of the muscles in that leg. Surgery will also have to be performed on her hips to loosen constricted muscles there. Her ankles will also need to be straightened surgically if traction doesn't help.

So you can see we're in for a long haul. We're taking turns being with Rajee constantly. Since she was once abandoned in a hospital, her greatest fear is to be left alone. Even though her language skills have increased enormously in the past month, communication with those outside our family is still a bit tricky. We can only begin to imagine what is going on inside her head as she copes with a totally new environment. Even so, her courage and determination are an inspiration to all of us.

Rajee has had a great impact on all of our lives. Arianna and Joshua have taken turns carrying her and pushing her wheelchair. Watching Rajee at the lake has been a joy. Everything her big sister and brother do, she wants to try. She has taken great strides in learning to swim and loves being "dunked" underwater. Now with our summer schedule drastically altered it's difficult for Joshua and Arianna to be separated from their new sister.



We ask your thought and prayers for us all — that Rajee will maintain her positive attitude amid all the pain, that Arianna and Joshua will not feel abandoned by our absence from home, and for us, that we can hold all the pieces together. Most of all, we ask for your prayers for Rajee's healing. So many miracles have already happened that we've come to expect (rather than be surprised by) the miraculous. We truly believe that God's blessing is actively with us and that all things are possible.

Rajee will be in the hospital until mid- to late September. She loves to receive cards. Her address is:

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Shriner's Hospital
516 Carew Street
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Once again, we offer a grateful "THANK YOU" to all of you who have supported us through this amazing process.

All our love,

Jan and Cliff Aerie
(For Joshua, Arianna and Rajee)

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Shirley Auerbach of Alford presented an informative workshop on Block Play to leaders of parent-child playgroups. Now we are in need of blocks for several of the ten morning playgroups starting the week of September 10 and following the public school calendar.

Parent-child playgroups serve as a meeting place for parents, caregivers and children, infant-four years of age. Leaders set up the area for children and plan age-appropriate activities. An adult is required to remain with the child during the playgroup session. While the children socialize and play, adults can converse and begin to know one another. Parent-child playgroups are free to area families. The program is sponsored by Berkshire County United Way and small donations.

Playgroups will be held on Mondays in Otis, Housatonic, Ashley Falls, and Hillsdale, New York; Tuesdays in New Marlborough and West Stockbridge; Wednesdays in Egremont and Sheffield; Thursdays in Great Barrington; and Fridays in Sandisfield.

The South County Parent to Parent Program will begin volunteer training on September 27, 7-9 p.m. at the Children's Health Program. The training will consist of five sessions. Topics covered during training include: communication and listening skills, area services to assist families, early childhood development, and parenting skills. Volunteers are matched with a family having a child under the age of two. They can assist a mother with transportation, information about services and parenting, and be a friend. Trained volunteers can be reimbursed for transportation, babysitting and incidental expenses. The volunteer experience is also valuable for vocational references.

Active Parenting classes will begin October 29, 7-9 p.m. at Children's Health Program. Through six sessions, people can learn about democratic parenting. The cost of the six sessions is $30, and scholarships are available.

For additional information about any of these programs, please call 528-9311.

— Claudette Callahan

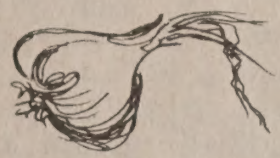
LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION NEWS

Please note the boating safety regulations posted in the Post Office. Remember that a canoe is tippy, that a power boat has the power to kill or maim, that "speed" spells "danger," that there are close neighbors all around both our lakes who appreciate consideration and quiet.

The Lake Management Committee is considering the report of Associated Environmental Scientists, Inc. on the condition of the lake and its future care. We have had two meetings in which outside evaluations of the report were considered: in July, William Enzer of Berkshire Envirolabs of Lee gave us his opinions; in August, Dr. David Mitchell of Bay Front Laboratories of Longmeadow did the same. We expect written reports from both of them soon and hope to present these in the October issue of *the Monterey News*.

Remember that a copy of the full A. E. S., Inc. report is available in the Library. We welcome your responses to it.

— Sally Emmel
Muriel Lazzarini
Robert Lazzarini
David McAllester
Barbara Resnick



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PARK COMMISSION NEWS

Priscilla Gulliver, our swimming instructor, made a real hit this year. Students progressed quickly under her direction. Some of the many positive comments we heard: "She taught well," "Her directions were explicit," "No-nonsense lessons," "Hope she comes back next year." Jennifer Hall assisted with the elementary classes, and Jim Dohoney helped out with lifesaving. All the participants showed improvement, and many passed the Red Cross tests. Priscilla would like to come back next year—we'd be delighted.

MAUREEN BANNER

The swimming students were:

Three and four year olds:

John Adams, Cora Baker, Stephen Bynack, Karis Condry, Ezra Gildesgame, Kyle Hutson, Amanda Lyons, Bridget Mendel, Julian Mendel, Jake Moore, Lindsay Newman, Travis Raab, Bethany Simms, Brittany Simms, Melinda Soules, Joshua Trevel, Christopher Tryon, and Christina Vallianos.

Beginners:

Jim Alleson, Michael Alleson, Sudi Baker, Mike Bynack, Todd Bynack, Jeff Curtiss, Deirdre Higgins, Claire Mielke, Alexandra Newman, Sara Richards, Naomi Richards, Rebecca Richards, Garrett Simms, Michael Simms, Nicole Stein, and Katie Vallianos.

Advanced Beginners:

Jamie Bynack, Jeremy Curtiss, Abigail Druck, Kim Gero, Dylan Moulton, Mariah Olds, Benjamin Scutellaro, Dinah Scutellaro, Justin Thomson, Shawn Tryon, Alex Wolf.

Intermediate:

Eoin Higgins, Heather Kraus, Lucas Moulton, Mike Rankin, Jill Schlegel, and Jared Thomson.

Swimmers:

Meredith Friedman, Collin Grotty, Arianna Romairone, Nicole Schlegel, John Smith, Daniel Straus.

E. W. S.—Emergency Water Safety:

Meredith Friedman, Katie Heller, Mike Ohman, Arianna Romairone, Nicole Schlegel, Sarah Schur.

Jennifer Hall on the job

Jennifer Hall has done a fine job as lifeguard, and many of you have praised her quiet authority, alertness and friendly manner. Several lifeguards helped to cover weekends and Jennifer's day off. Patrick Eline, old faithful, was back often; Jim and Rich Dohoney, Eric Murray, Danny Pevzner and Kelly Keefner helped out also.

Bob Gauthier has kept the crowds at bay by checking passes diligently but diplomatically. His low-key approach has proved very effective.

The boat ramp will be back in use now. We appreciate the respect that boaters have shown for the restrictions. Mark Makuc has put the beach to bed for another year. Tammy Jervas will take the lifeguard chair home to make any necessary repairs over the winter. Though folks will still swim, the beach is essentially finished for the season—and a happy, orderly one it was. Thank you for your cooperation. We need that for a smooth, safe operation.

— Fran, Jim and Tom

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PARK COMMISSION TO SPONSOR FALL DANCE

The Park Commission, in conjunction with the Monterey Dance Committee (headed up by Candice Piretti) is proud to announce that "Let's Dance Two" will be held at the firehouse on Saturday, October 6. The theme for our very successful first dance, in May, 1989, was the '30s and '40s era. This time we are jumping up to the '60s! We have a terrific D. J., Bob Coper of Sound Advice, lined up to provide four hours of '60s music. He's got quite a collection of records and should be able to honor any requests. We'll also be set up with some groovy lighting equipment and decorations.

A buffet of finger food refreshments will be set out all evening, and wine and beer will be on sale along with soft drinks. Tickets cost $10 per person and will include a chance to win one of several neat door prizes.

Our last dance was a great time, and this one will be too! Get your tickets early as only a limited number can fit in the firehouse. Tickets will be on sale at the Monterey General Store on weekend mornings from 9 to 12 starting Labor Day Weekend. You may also get tickets from Candice or any Park Commission member: Fran Amidon, Jim Thomas, or Tom Rosenthal.

— Jim Thomas

Many people have enjoyed the new trail from Greene Park to the Fire Company pavilion this summer. Shown here are some of the people responsible for it: Roger Gold, wood shop coordinator at Gould Farm; Bob Rausch of Gould Farm, who blazed the trail; and Jim Thomas of the Park Commission. Not pictured are some folks from Gould Farm who helpe make the signs: David Seitz and Rob Chester.

MAGGIE LEONARD

NEWS FROM THE BIDWELL HOUSE

The anticipation and excitement of the Memorial Day weekend was wonderful. At 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 26, 1990, the Bidwell House officially opened to the public. The response was terrific! Forty visitors came to see and admire the historic house and its splendid interiors. Folks from Monterey and the Berkshire region, Albany, Boston, New York City, and New Jersey discovered the Bidwell House and its specialness. It is a joy to share the appreciation, insight, and understanding of American 18th century culture that Jack Hargis and David Brush wholeheartedly incorporated into the rehabilitation and furnishing of the Bidwell House. Visitors' comments have ranged from: "It is such a lovely house," to the superlative, "It is the best historic site in Berkshire County!"

For those who may not know, the Bidwell House was built for Rev. Adonijah Bidwell, the first minister in Monterey. The estate, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is set on 190 acres and dates back to 1750. It is furnished with a wealth of 18th and early 19th century pieces.

Coinciding with Opening Day was the news from Joe Dzaluk, member, Bidwell House Board of Directors, about the IBM Fund for Community Service program. IBM granted the Bidwell House a terrific IBM Personal Computer System, complete with graphic display, printer, and the appropriate software that will enhance the museum's capabilities in areas from cataloging and inventory to memberships and budget.

So the Bidwell House has finally become a reality. It is a part of the Berkshire County cultural scene. We invite everyone to come and visit Monterey's candidate for "the best historic site in Berkshire County!"

— Shirley Clute

LOST ON LAKE GARFIELD

Small Beetle rowboat: white and green; old, beat up and precious. REWARD. Please call Judy Bach, 528-9636.

MONTEREY MAN RUNNING FOR STATE OFFICE

Jim Edelman, Monterey resident and proprietor of the Mill River General Store, is running as an independent candidate for State Representative, Fourth Berkshire District. He believes he may be the first Monterey resident to run for state office. The other candidates in the race are Christopher Hodgkins, the Democratic incumbent from Lee, and Bruce Hull, a Republican from Great Barrington.

Jim is a Berkshire native, born in Great Barrington in 1952. His father was a public health service physician, and the family lived in a number of widely scattered places during Jim's childhood—LaRochelle, France; Gallup, New Mexico; Shawnee, Oklahoma; Arlington, Virginia; and Shreveport, Louisiana—before resettling in Southfield, Massachusetts.

"I was always glad to return home to the Berkshires, but those years we lived away gave me a broader perspective on what's special about our country and our region," he says. His interest in politics, government and public service was piqued by the years they spent just outside Washington, D.C.

After graduation from Mount Everett, Jim attended the University of Houston, then finished up his BS in education at North Adams State College. He taught public school in New York State and Massachusetts before becoming a self-employed contractor in the late '70s. He became proprietor of the Mill River General Store in 1988.

In 1988, Jim married Carol Lewis, and they are now the proud parents of a beautiful daughter, Annabel. "Becoming a parent," he says, "really brought many of the issues I plan to address in this campaign into sharp focus. Education, our environment, the depressed economy, and housing shortages, to name just a few—these problems have taken on a new meaning now that I have a child of my own. The future is more important to me than ever before."

Jim welcomes the chance to talk about his political views with his Monterey neighbors. He can be reached at home (528-0006) or at the Mill River General Store (229-2663).

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ORGANIC WINTER VEGETABLE SHARES AVAILABLE

The vegetable harvest has been bountiful, averaging eight to ten pounds per full share during the past month. Twenty Monterey families receive fresh-picked, organic vegetables each week from the Indian Line Farm Community Supported Agriculture Project in South Egremont.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a concept that originated in Japan some thirty years ago. CSA projects sell shares to cover the costs of local food production, with participants sharing in the harvest. There are now more than fifty CSA projects nationwide. The concept was brought to Indian Line Farm in 1985 via Switzerland.

CSA offers an alternative to our increasing dependency on remote food sources which require energy-intensive transport. In Massachusetts, about 85% of our produce comes from out of state. Since 1968, 850 farms have been lost, with much of the former farmland developed. By making farming economically viable, CSA helps to maintain open spaces. From the consumer's point of view, CSA offers healthful, flavorful food very inexpensively. Sharers in the Indian Line Farm project have learned that not only can they get organic produce without paying premium prices, but that it is actually cheaper than vegetables from the supermarket.

Six of the twenty Monterey sharers are summer residents who purchased summer shares. Therefore, there are six winter shares available at $50 each. The winter vegetable shares will be distributed once a month from November through March, and consist of carrots, beets, potatoes, turnips, onions, garlic and other root crops. For those who may be regretting having missed out on the summer season, there are still three full-season shares available at $100 each, giving you eight or nine weeks of summer vegetables as well as the winter share.

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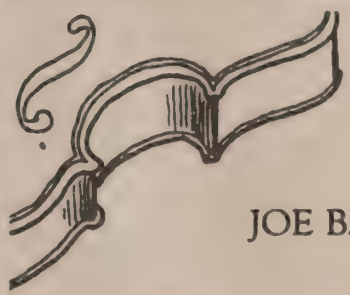

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— E. L. W.

NIGHT SCENE

When night spreads her cloak over old grey eaves
And lovingly woos me, and softly cries
And hums low her dusk notes across the leaves
And whispers to birds as the daylight dies,

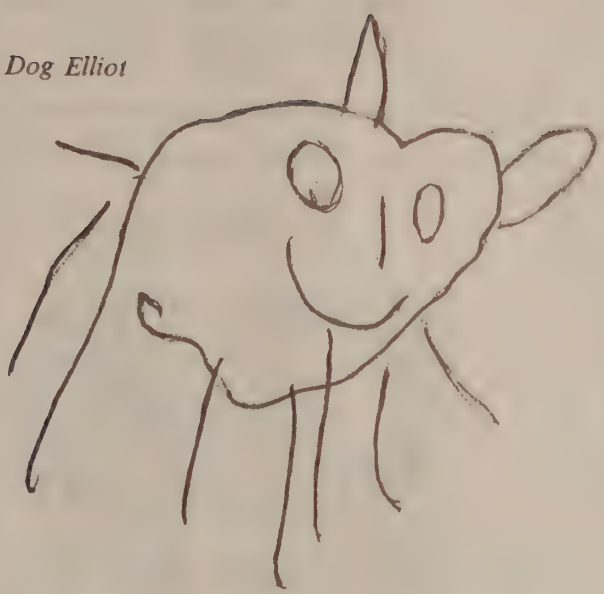
Then I think of the pulsing nighttime song
That we heard on the rock near Simon's Land
How it told me our love could do no wrong
How a man of heart would always defend.

The same old story, the same true way
Beat its clear pounding rhythm within our heads
Closed tight with night's magic our perfect day
And told us to find ocean's kelp for beds.

In these long years after, when winds have roared
I have always thought there could be no breach
If we called to mind how our spirits soared
With love for a harbor, and stars to reach.

— Sue Moody

My Dog Elliot



ALIX TILLET

Netherland boy
Setting new sail
On a sea of Idea realizations
Knowing dreams are common ground
And life
A common dream

— V. T.*

*In our May issue a typographic error made "boy" into "bay." We have regretted it ever since and reprint V. T.'s poem here correctly, with apologies.

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BLOSSOM IN SUMMER

So Blossom and I go travelling
Dropping the stony road
That twists and falls a mile
To the blacktop route below.

Like the wreck of a scow crawling
Coastwise in rising seas
Lumbers my old-lady bitch companion
Bitch with her gonads gone.

Bitch with her gonads gone
With her teeth set fast in her head
Which teeth she has set in my wrist
More than once—her fear, my error—

But there's no stiffness between us
And I've roused her from dull sprawling
Unseemly in flea-ridden ease
Dreaming, perhaps, of cat murder.

Roused her from dull sprawling
From which she happily heaved her up
For walking is better than sprawling;
Though she'd never walk alone

Through a storm or anything else,
This morning's the opposite of stormy
Being sunny, breezy and hot;
So we plow the tumultuous breeze

That, blowing up from the hackneyed valley,
Clacks leaves, rustles weeds
And shifts new dust and old
Along the stony road.

Over the hill—Blossom and I—
And through the woods
To the lower meadow we go,
Brown and aromatic in the sun,
Into which the old bitch, gathering her legs
Plunges, breasting timothy,
Bent on unearthing
With her two scrabble-paws

Some soft-throated creature
Whose scent the hot wind
Has brought to this lady's
Most murderous nose.

Some soft-throated creature
Blocked in its hole
Shrinking sans hope
From a dog's entertainment.

Come out of that!
Though with nil conviction,
Yet I would not be accessory
To any folk's killing

So plod up the hill
Eyes reading the dust,
Guts lower than that,
Sweat-stung in the blaze of the stone-hearted sun,

And lounge at the top for a stone-hearted bitch
Who somewhat later arrives lugging sorrow—
What a pretty ripped cheek, gore-ruined neck—
And sprawls in the dust at my feet.

Though the sorrow she's lugged the long stony hill
She'd give me and I'd take it,
Blossom nor I cannot; she groans merely once,
Wearily once flaps me my old lady her tail,

Flaps me my old lady her tail,
And shuts down forever the light in her eyes.

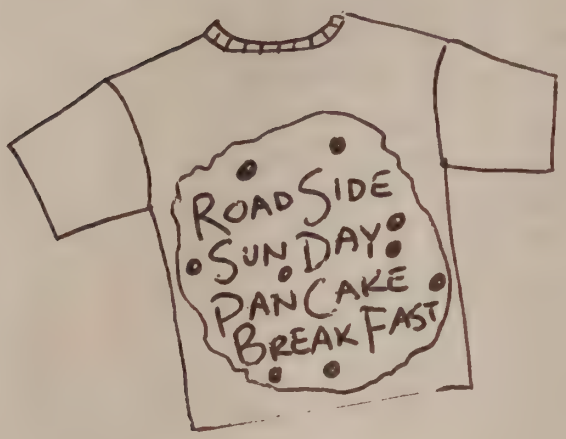
Forever at ease may she sprawl in the dust.
Blossom, soft. Oh soft on the stones.

— James H. Michelman

THE FOX SPARROW

'Neath my window you dance in the snow.
Forward and back, I see you go.
Who taught you to samba, russet bird?
What African melodies have you heard?
Didst come to us from far off Brazil
Where they are dancing the samba still?

— Nancy Adams



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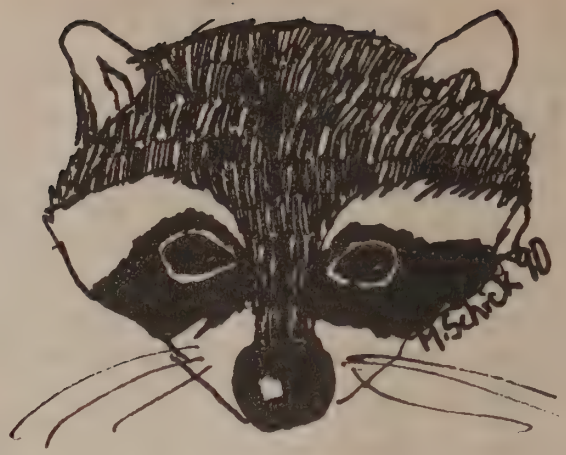

THE RACCOON

Oh you night marauder with knavery your intent!
Oh you ingenious rascal with thieving greed your bent
What happened to the crawlers of the night we had secreted
In flower boxes overturned and all those worms deleted?
They were for the morrow, for the fishing poles of boys.
But you came and stole them, making no chomping, scratching noise!
How does a raccoon smell them when they're buried in the dirt?
Watch out, ring-tailed varmint! We are now on the alert.

— Nancy Adams

THE CRICKET

(He constantly nods and moves his jaws horizontally)

Out in the field on a summer night
The jet-black cricket is dynamite!
One wing is his fiddle, another his bow
And he bows his head to the crowd overflow.
From left to right he moves his jaws
And he bows again when he hears applause.

— Nancy Adams

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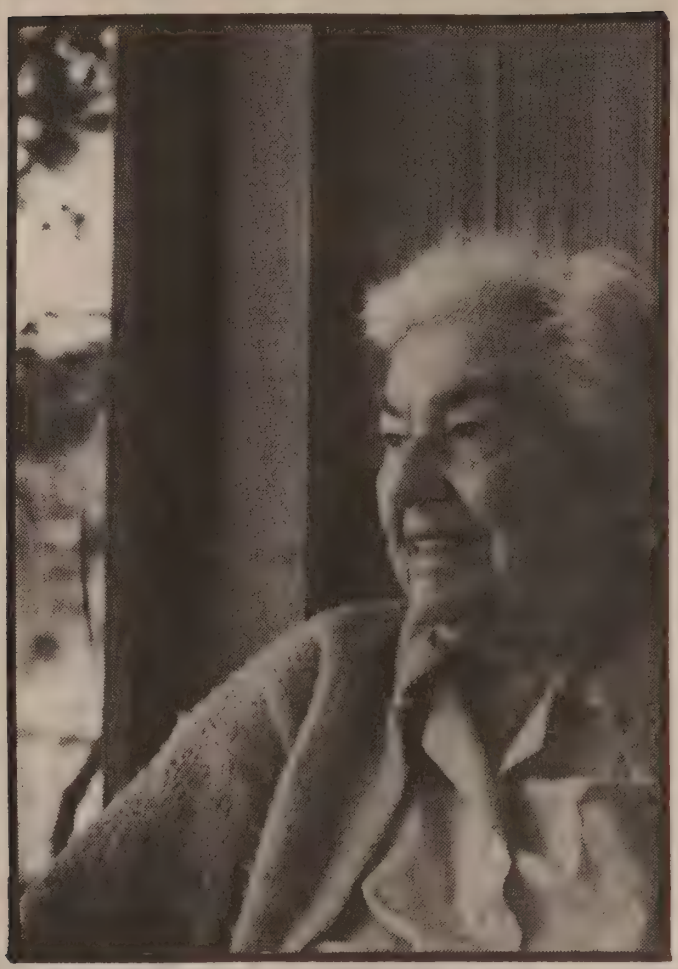
WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY
Helen Shaw, Lady of the Lake



The first person to settle in a year-round home on Lake Garfield was Helen Bidwell Shaw, a scion of one of Monterey's oldest families and our most dedicated lake watcher. She has followed the moods of the lake through every season and has watched the ebb and flow of its wildlife and its human occupants over most of her 87 years.

Helen was born in Great Barrington and grew up there with her parents, Orlando Bidwell and Helen Higley and her siblings Margaret, Marshall, and Gertrude. Every summer they came to Monterey and lived in the "halfway house" between the lake and the village. During those summers, the lake was the natural habitat of the nature-loving Bidwell family. Helen became a lifelong swimmer and canoer: she recalls paddling up the lake, quiet as an Indian, to listen to a quartet of college men who used to camp at Pine Tree Point, on Parker's Cove, and sing in the evening. Her father planted a beautiful display of water lilies in front of their boathouse on the lake.

At Searles High School in Great Barrington, an inspiring gym teacher set the direction of Helen's professional life. After two years at Boston University she transferred to Wellesley, where she completed a six-year course in five years: a liberal arts BA and a two-year graduate program in physical education. It was the only course of its kind at that time, and Helen had no difficulty finding a job. She returned to Boston University as a gym instructor and taught there for the next twelve years. Of course she was back in Monterey for the summers.

In 1935 she met George E. Shaw, who came to Monterey from New York in the summers to sell health foods and bakery goods. They were married and settled in Yonkers. But after their three girls, Judith, Deborah, and Susan, were born Helen had a feeling of paradise lost, and they moved back to the Berkshires for good. They spent summers in the boathouse by the lake, and in the winter rented a house in Great Barrington until about 1948, after which they rented the house on Main Road where the Gauthiers now live.

When the girls were old enough to attend, Helen taught in the nursery school at St. James Church in Great Barrington. The shows put on by her pupils attracted the attention of the South Berkshire Regional School system, and soon she was teaching physical education in five schools up and down the county.

It was during this time that Helen's boathouse home was replaced by an attractive year-round cottage where she now lives. Her friend, Edith Wilson, designed it and Welles Sellew built it. There she has lived from 1961 on, enjoying her water garden and the bird life and human life on the lake. "In October the chickadees come and tell me it is time to open the restaurant and they are soon followed by siskins, titmice, nuthatches, woodpeckers . . . everything. But geese are my favorites, you can call me Mother Goose!"

After she retired in 1968, Helen and her sister Gertrude became companions in world traveling. They discovered the leisurely pace of freighter travel. Before the advent of container loading, every stop lasted several days, and Helen and Gertrude explored seaports around the globe. They developed a strong preference for Norwegian lines: "They were democratic, the only boats where you could have a picnic with the crew. . . . We loved Hong Kong. Once a welder started a fire on our ship there, and we had twenty-one days in the best hotel at the company's

expense. We just took one bus after another and went to the end of the line."

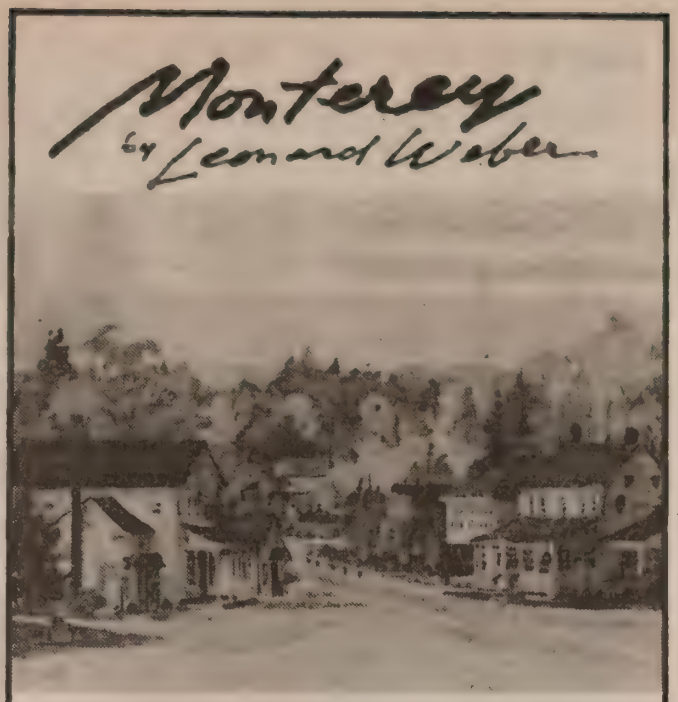
They enjoyed fields of orchids in Singapore and formal Zen gardens in Japan. They were in the Mediterranean three times. "We always liked return visits. The first time we'd take the tours and after that we explored on our own." On their last trip the ship was grounded on a reef off Borneo; they were there for eleven days enjoying the tropical fish below them. A boatload of armed pirates arrived one day but left again when they found the ship too high for boarding. Finally, when a typhoon threatened, a relief ship came for the passengers and the adventure was over. These trips were yearly events, from after Christmas until April, and continued until 1978 when Gertrude died.

Helen's philosophy after her years of lake watching is a compound of appreciation and resignation. She loves the yellow iris that have slowly spread around the lake. The burgeoning of the Canada goose population has been a source of learning and delight. Her close observations of the family and social life, feeding habits, and the big moment when the young ones are lined up and taught how to fly resulted in the only article she has ever written, "Voices in the Sky," in the Spring 1974 issue of *The New England Galaxy*.

The years have had their frustrations too. Helen laments the disappearance of the Bidwell water lilies, once a showpiece of the lake. She misses the turtles and the nightly chorus of bullfrogs which, like the lilies, are apparently victims of the annual drawdown, and she regrets that the beautiful lake in front of her cottage is a "mud-hole" for half the year.

But change brings benefits, too. The motorboats and jet skis are offset by the blossoming of white sails on the lake, and she senses a new awareness that the lake is for everybody, not just vacationers. The bluebirds and the whippoorwills seem to be gone but evening grosbeaks have begun to appear at her bird feeder, and she is thrilled by the recent sightings of bears in Monterey. She enjoys the company of her friends, her voluminous reading, a weekly backgammon tournament. And her faithful geese announce the seasons as they come bugling down to the lake and skid to a landing in the spring and depart for warmer regions in the fall.

— David P. McAllester



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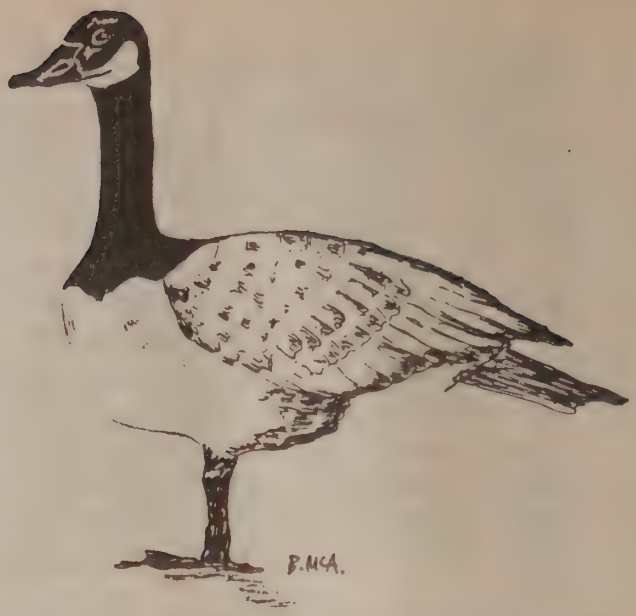
LETTING GO OF THE GOOSE



The goose is back in the lake. We let her go a few days ago, on a rainy afternoon, and watched her swim strongly toward the main group of Canada geese. Then she veered to shore and stayed in shallow water splashing and preening, making it clear she had been a goose out of the water for way too long.

All the time I was taking care of her, driving her to the vet, cleaning out her apartment, changing bandages, pouring on purple medicine, taking her abuse, I was trying to figure myself out. I remember when I got the phone call from the Town Offices, that there was a wounded goose at the beach and would I take care of it, I felt more burdened than eager. Okay, I couldn't say no to a wounded goose. But really I was quite busy, had other plans, too many dependents already. (It was obvious I would take her on, that's why I got the call.)

When I got to the beach she was offshore in deep water, so a boy took me out in a motor boat to catch her. We wound up herding her to the shallows, then seeing how quickly she doubled back by diving in an underwater somersault. Finally, I jumped in after her, slogged around in my clothes, and grabbed her as she tried the somersault dive again. She gave me a good beating with her wings and a solid pinch with her strong bill. (It has serrated edges, and she twists it around a bit once she has a purchase.) This, as it developed over the next three weeks, was her consistent response to my ministrations.

The thing I kept trying to figure out was why I bothered. I remember on one of the visits to the vet, after it had become clear to everyone that the leg was a liability, joking about how amputation was clearly in order. I grinned and said it was just a matter of deciding whether to take it off at the hip or the neck.

Now if this had been one of my unglamorous chickens, one of the barnyard serfs, there would have been no discussion and no grin. I have fed and exploited those large birds for many years, but if one of them ever got a mangled leg there would be no trips to the vet. We'd go straight to the chopping block, talk philosophical, and shed no tears. So what was the big deal about this half-grown Canada goose?

Marge Gulick said it when I first took the goose in to her office: "We need to save every one of them we can." On a subsequent visit, when I was talking to Don Gulick about where to amputate, I had it a little further figured out myself: "I want to give her a good chance. I think the world is a little bit better place with her alive in it." He didn't argue with me and went right to work with anesthesia, scalpel, and sutures.

I picked her up later that day wondering why I thought the world was so much better off with one more goose but not with one more scruffy old hen. Part of the difference is that our hens are not beautiful any more, nor young, nor part of the wide world. They are part of the small world of our farm and hardly anybody ever sees them but us. Our small world is a better place with them in it. We like their occasional eggs, their busy chatter, their pleasure in eating up kitchen scraps. They are completely dependent upon us and therefore they are a chore.

The god of the lake, of snapping turtles and wild things, gave us this goose for a short time. She bit me every day and the more she did the more I admired her. "Still not a bit tame," I would say proudly, to anyone who seemed interested. It's true that as time for her release came closer, I flirted shamefully with the notion of "keeping" her. I wouldn't really have kept her, but I could have put her for awhile on my parents' duck pond, ". . . to keep an eye on her, see how she's doing. . . ." For a few days I persuaded myself (not really) that this would be in her best interest.

Then one day I went to change her bedding and water. I looked through the hardware cloth on her door and saw the curve of her neck, the strong shape of her back, and that one leg sturdy like a tree. None of it had anything to do with me except that I could look and admire. I could never keep her, make her into my chore. The only way for me to have her would be to let her go and have her as a bit of wildness in my understanding of my world.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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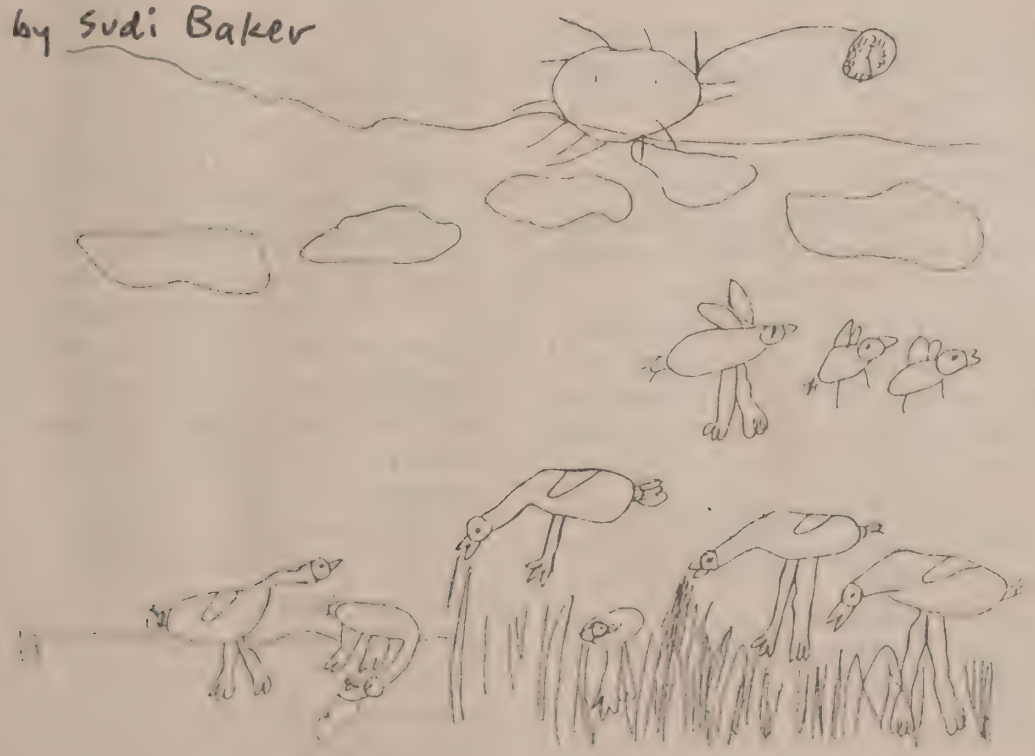

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
I roundly echo the dismay expressed by other Monterey residents over the erection of the earth barrier on Route 23. As a 27-year commuter to Monterey in all seasons, I am appalled that someone would have such a fetish for his privacy as to obstruct the most beautiful view encountered upon entering or leaving Monterey. I sincerely hope that this barrier, as so many in the world today, will be taken down to restore such a lovely vista. As to any remaining safety problems, I am certain that our Highway Department can cope as they have elsewhere with precipitous drop-offs from Route 23.

— Alan Roland

To the Editor:
With the generous support of the Monterey community, I completed the bike ride for the Jimmy Fund from Sturbridge to Provincetown, a distance of 192 miles, on August 18-19.

Saturday was very hot and humid, over 90. One thousand ten riders participated, with an additional four hundred volunteers who manned water stops every twenty miles and supplied us with a wide variety of foods and beverages, bicycle repair, medical supplies, transportation, and encouragement.

On Saturday evening Dr. Nadler of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute spoke to us on the progress made over the last fifty years in cancer research. The funds raised from this bike ride go toward this research and to help defray the cost of treatment for those unable to meet the expense involved. This year's ride hopes to top 1.5 million dollars.

Anyone wishing to join me next year is welcome. I'd like your company. Again, thanks for your support for this worthy cause.

— Roger Tryon

To the Editor:
I never thought I would be a summer resident. As Town Moderator from 1955 to 1975 I verbally scuffled many times with summer residents during Town Meetings. Now I'm one of them. It is still a great feeling to experience the Town participation of year-round and summer residents. I really believe that as long as elected and volunteer Town officers are honest and sincere Monterey will continue to be a wonderful and unique home to us all.

— William F. Mielke, Sr. and
Catherine S. Mielke

PAUL THORN

Paul E. Thorn, 67, of Main Road and of Sarasota, Florida, died on July 25 of injuries suffered in an airplane crash in Great Barrington.

He was a former Town official and member of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission.

Born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on November 25, 1922, he was the son of Harold and Mary Fischer Thorn. He graduated from Parkersburg High School and Virginia Polytechnic University.

He was a veteran of World War II.

Mr. Thorn had worked for GE in Pittsfield and from 1953 to 1977 was employed as a chief inspector at the Schweitzer Division of Kimberly-Clark Corp. in Lee. For the past six years, he had been resident manager of Bracken Brae Farm.

He served on the Board of Assessors from 1970 to 1980 and had been a member of the Planning Board, Fire Department and Monterey Grange.

A pilot for the past five years, he was a member of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association, Seaplane Pilots Association and Cloudbusters Association in Venice, Florida. He was also a member of the Elks Club and Retired Officers Club, both in Sarasota.

He leaves his wife, Mary, whom he married January 1, 1947; four sons, Thomas B. Thorn of Monterey, Paul M. Thorn of Annapolis, Maryland, John C. Thorn of Danielson, Connecticut, and William H. Thorn of Stratford, Connecticut; two daughters, Mrs. Anna V. Duryea of Monterey and Miss Elizabeth M. Thorn of Allston; ten grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

SECOND CLASS UPDATE

The coupons have started to come in, though there are a very few from out of state. We fear this may mean that some of you have not received the August issue—all the more reason for everyone to send in their coupons as quickly as possible, so we can start the application process for second class mailing privileges.

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PERSONAL NOTES

Wow—there's been a veritable baby boom in Monterey! Congratulations to **Dan** and **Anne Moulton** of Main Road, whose son **Mitchell**, weighing in at 8 lbs. 12 oz., was born on July 17. Mitchell joins big brothers **Luke** and **Dylan** at home.

And congratulations to **John Sellew** and **Anne O'Connor** of New Marlboro Road, whose daughter, **Oona Camille**, was born on July 23, weighing in at 8 lb. 9 oz.

Also, congratulations to **Jed** and **Annika Falkenstrom Lipsky** of Blue Hill Road, whose son **Thomas Jefferson Lipsky** was born on July 24, weighing in at 7 lb. 5 oz. Big brother, one-year-old **Karl**, is quite a help (!?) at home.

Best wishes to **Fred** and **Betty Rosebrock**, 35-year summer residents of Lake Garfield, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on August 8 at the Lenox 218 restaurant. The dinner party was hosted by their twin sons, **Kenneth** and **Frederick**, and co-hosted by their grandchildren, **Karin, Kirsten, Heather** and **Keith**. Nine members of the original ten-member wedding party attended, and long-time friends and relatives traveled great distances—Florida, California, etc.—making for a very happy and memorable reunion. It was a very special day for all.

Bob and **Barbara Gauthier** are still feeling a bit overwhelmed after their children, **Pam, Jim, David** and **Jeff** surprised them with a wonderful garden party right in their own backyard (now that takes some doing!), in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary. August 4 was a beautiful day, and no detail was overlooked, making for a most spectacular and joyous occasion not to be soon forgotten by either the guests of honor or by those who attended. Congratulations to all of them.

And let's see what the busy **Westenburg** family has been up to. After a summer in Monterey, **Richard** returns to his duties at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York and at Rutgers University. His concerts at Lincoln Center will begin in November, and a recording of Christmas music will be issued by Deutsche Grammophon in October. **Judith** will resume concerts and recordings in September. She had an active summer, which included a concert in Great Barrington and a concert and a week's teaching at the Early Music Festival at Amherst College. **Mario**, almost three, spent all but a few days of his summer having fun in Monterey. **Eric**, after an early summer visit, resumed his work at a resort at Lake Tahoe, California. And **Kirsten**, who spent the summer working for Citibank in Washington, D. C., managed to get to Monterey three times. She will return to Boston this fall to complete her M. B. A. at Harvard. It's great to get an update on all of you!

Congratulations to **Karen Hayes** and **Christopher Traynor** on their engagement. Karen, the daughter of **Arnold** and **Judith Hayes** of Tyringham Road, graduated in 1988, *summa cum laude*, from Bridgewater State College with a degree in psychology. She is presently employed at Bridgewater State Hospital. Christopher hails from Plympton, MA. Best wishes to both of you!

Hats off to **Peggy Small** of Beartown Mountain Road, who was one of 25 high school art teachers from throughout the country selected to participate in Rhode Island School of Design's ninth annual Honors Seminar for the Advancement of Art Education held in Providence, Rhode Island. Peggy is an art instructor at Mt. Everett Regional.

Bravo to Monterey students named to the honor roll list at Mt. Everett Regional for the fourth quarter. They are, in *Grade 12, Honors:* **Natasha Grotz** and **Anne Makuc**; *Grade 11, High Honors:* **William Thieriot**; *Grade 9, Honors:* **Christopher Burkhart** and **Marta Makuc**. In *Grade 8, High Honors:* **Erin Sadlowski** and **Meghan Sadlowski**, and *Honors:* **Rachel Rodgers** and **Bruce Snow**; and in *Grade 7, High Honors:* **Jason Farrenkopf**, **Paul Makuc** and **Erin Piretti**. Well, as it's almost time to start the new school year, we hope all of you will keep up the good work! It's a pleasure seeing so many Monterey names on the list!

Very Happy Birthday Wishes to **Rick Mielke** on August 30, to **Candice Piretti** on September 3, to **Katie Vallianos** on September 4, to **Kathleen Tillett** on September 10, to **Jeff Gauthier** on September 13, to **Christina Vallianos** on September 23, to **Ellen Coburn** on September 24, to **Jamie Ziegler** on September 25, and to **myself** on September 26. And Happy Anniversary to **Bob** and **Barbara Gauthier** on September 17.

It's great to receive your contributions. Please jot down your news items and drop them at the General Store or in the mail to me, just Route 23. Or give me a call at 528-4519. I appreciate your support *very much!*

— Stephanie Grotz

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Saturday, September 8—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is open to anyone. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, $4; children, $1 to dance until intermission. Information: (413) 528-9385.

Wednesday, September 12—Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. Edgar Chamorro, who teaches at Simon's Rock, will give a talk about Nicaragua.

Friday, September 14—Monterey Historical Society meeting, 8:00 p.m. in the General Knox Museum at the library. The program will feature Harlan (Lanny) Lanoue speaking on World War I aviation history and displaying uniforms and other items from his extensive collection of memorabilia. All are welcome to join us for a most interesting evening.

Saturday, September 22—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission $4. Information: (413) 528-9385.

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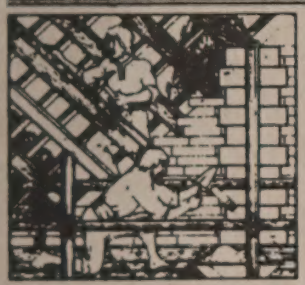

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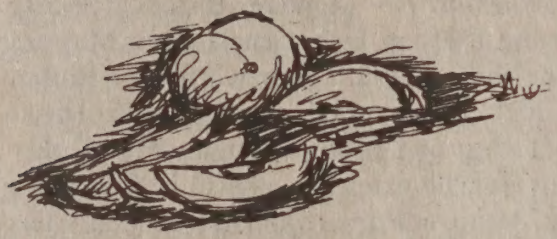

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